

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1A-2B. These sheets replace the original sheets for Figs. 1A-2B.

In Figs. 1A-2B, the words --(prior art)-- have been added to the legends of the Figs.

REMARKS

In the Specification

The changes suggested by the Examiner have been made. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In the Drawings:

The drawings have been objected to.

The words --(prior art)-- have been added to Figs. 1A-2B in the attached replacement sheets. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Allowed claims

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate allowance of claims 13-22 and 24.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 6, and 7. Claim 4 has been amended to include all limitations of the parent claim and any intervening claim. Claim 6 has been amended to include all limitations of the parent claim and any intervening claim. Allowance of claims 4, 6 and 7 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-12 and 23 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhu (US 2002/0101691) in view of Nakada et al. (US6341053).

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the limitations of allowable claim 4. Applicant believes that the combination of features in claim 1, particularly as amended, is neither taught nor suggested in the prior art.

Claims 2-3, 5, 8-12 and 23 depend from claim 1, and therefore incorporate the limitations of claim 1. By virtue of their dependence, claims 2-3, 5, 8-12 and 23 are also believed to be allowable. If an independent claim is nonobvious under 35 U.S.C. 103,

then any claim depending therefrom is nonobvious. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Reconsideration and allowance of claims 4, 5, 10 and 20 is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter further, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. HSJ920030249US1).

Respectfully submitted,

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